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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION ON YOUNG'S VISIT TO CARACAS

1. ALL CARACAS PAPERS TODAY FRONTPAGE BOLD HEADS AND LARGE PHOTOS OF ANDRES YOUNG'S ACTIVE AFTERNOON AND EVENING IN CARACAS YESTERDAY, SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH BOLD HEADS AND EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE PANAMA CANAL AGREEMENT, WITHOUT LINES OF ITS TERMS.

EACH MAJOR PAPER GAVE PRIMARY EMPHASIS TO DIFFERENT YOUNG STATEMENTS, THOUGH ALL MADE STRONG NOTE OF YOUNG DECLARATION THAT THE US HAD TRAINED MANY OF THE LA MILITARY NOW IN POWER IN ANTICOMMUNISM, BUT THAT THE US IS NOT NOW AIDING MILITARY DICTATORSHIPS. (IN A LOCALLY

GENERATED STORY BASED ON THE STATEMENT, EL NACIONAL CALLED THE DECLARATION "SURPRISING, BUT FRANK".) ALL PAPERS ALSO FOCUSED ON THE PRAISE THE TWO MEN LAVISHED ON EACH OTHER ; CAP SAYING THAT YOUNG'S STYLE OF DIPLOMACY "IS VERY MUCH NEEDED IN OUR COUNTRIES"

AND YOUNG CALLING CAP "AN INSPIRATION" BECAUSE OF HIS CONCERN FOR THE PROBLEMS OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD. THE ONLY PAPER TO QUOTE YOUNG'S PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS ABOUT THE CUBANS IN AFRICA WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE JOURNAL. IT REFERRED TO THE "RIPPLE OF LAUGHTER (THAT WENT) THRU THE ROOM" WHEN YOUNG SAID, "NOW, I DOUBT THAT 50 CUBANS COULD GET 100,000 ETHIOPIANS TO STAND IN A STRAIGHT LINE, MUCH LESS TRAIN THEM TO DO ANYTHING."

2. EL UNIVERSAL RUNS BOLD FRONTPAGE HEADS "AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND PRIMARY MATERIALS - JUST PRICES FOR THOSE COUNTRIES ON THE ROAD TO

DEVELOPMENT"; SUBHEAD, "ADMITTED THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE MILITARY WHO ARE GOVERNING IN LA WERE TRAINED BY HIS COUNTRY" AND "WE DO NOT ACCEPT GIFTS WITH STRINGS ATTACHED, RATHER DEALINGS BETWEEN SOVEREIGN NATIONS, SAID CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ." MORE THAN HALF OF AN INSIDE PAGE IS DEVOTED TO YOUNG STORIES AND LARGE PHOTO OF YOUNG WITH REPORTERS ON ARRIVAL. NINE-COLUMN, THREE-DECK OVERALL HEAD READS: "ANDREW YOUNG SAID OPEC AND THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES CAN ALLY THEMSELVES TO LEND AID TO LESS DEVELOPED NATIONS;" SUBHEADS, "HE MET YESTERDAY FOR TWO HOURS WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ; ON ARRIVING AT MAIQUETIA, HE SAID THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE MILITARY GOVTS IN LA WERE TRAINED IN THE US; PRESIDENT PEREZ AND ANDRES YOUNG SPOKE ABOUT THE CONTINUATION OF THE NORTHSOUTTH DIALOGUE AND CARIBBEAN MATTERS; YOUNG AGREES THAT THE US SHOULD PAY JUST PRICES FOR PRIMARY MATERIALS THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SELL TO THEM" EL UNIVERAL ALSO DEVOTES FULL BACKPAGE TO TEXT OF PRESIDENT PEREZ' PRESS CONFERENCE GIVING IT EIGHT COLUMN, TWO DECK HEAD, "PRESIDENT PEREZ SAID, WE DO NOT ACCEPT GIFTS WITH CONDITIONS, RATHER EQUAL TREATMENT BETWEEN SOVEREIGN COUNTRIES;" SUBHEADS, "THE HEAD OF STATE OFFERED A PRESS CONFERENCE TO US REPORTERS; UNSTABLE ECONOMICS IS THE CAUSE OF UNSTABLE POLITICS; THE PRESIDENT CLAIMED THE RIGHT OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER OUR OWN NATURAL RESOURCES; DENIED THAT VENEZUELA HAS ULTERIOR MOTIVES WHEN OFFERING ECONOMIC COOPERATION TO THE OTHER CARIBBEAN NATIONS; DENIED THERE IS FEAR OF CUBA IN VENEZUELA AND SAID (HUMOROUSLY) IF WE HAVE TO FEAR ANYONE 'WE MUST LOOK FURTHER NORTH' EL NACIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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RUNS ADDITIONAL YOUNG SOTRIES AND PHOTO ON TWO-THIRDS OF SECOND SECTION FRONPAGE : "ANDRES YOUNG ADMITS THAT THERE IS A CONTRADICTION BETWEEN HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE BONB THAT KILLS-ONLY-PEOPLE.SEE FULL TEXT IN CARACAS 8058 TWO ADDITIONAL STORIES RUN FURTHER INSIDE, ONE ON HIS STATEMENT ABOUT US HAVING TRAINED LATIN MILITARY NOW IN POWER, AND SECOND: "ANDREW YOUNG HAS IDEAS SIMILAR TO THOSE WE ARE MARSHALLING TO CREATE A WORLD WITH JUSTICE AND EQUALITY." STOYRY RUNS WITH PHOTO OF WORKING LUNCH AND INCLUDES TEXT OF INFORMAL CONVERSATION BEETWEEN YOUNG, PEREZ AND FORMER PRESIDENT BETANCOURT.

3. ALL PAPERS GIVE EXTENSIVE FRONTPAGE AND CABLE PAGE COVERAGE TO CARTER ACCEPTANCE OF PANAMA CANAL AGREEMENT. EL UNIVERSAL THREE COLUMN THREEDECK HEAD FOR EFE STORY TYPICAL PRESIDENT CARTER APPROVED NW PANAMA CANAL TREATY SUBHEADS THE NORTH AMERICAN HEAD OF STATE IMMEDIATELY OPENED THE CAMPAIGN TO GAIN THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE, THE NECESSARY VOTES AND THE CONSENSUS IN CONGRESS FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE NEW AGREEMENT; ALSO REQUESTED EX-PRESIDENT GERALD FORD AND EX-SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER TO SUPPORT HIM IN HIS FIGHT TO OBTAIN RATIFICATION IN THE US CONGRESS STORY RUNS WITH INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS OF CARTER FORD KISSING.

ADDITINAL EFE STORY RECEIVES PROMINENT CABLEPAGE TREATMENT, PHOTO OF CARTER WITH JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, AND FOUR COLUMN TWO DECK HEAD PRESIDENT OF US SUSPENDS MEETINGS TO DEDICATE ALL HIS TIME TO REVIEWING WORD FOR WORD THE NEW CANAL TREATY."

4. FORMER VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR TO SWEDEN AND FREQUENT EL UNIVERSAL COLUMNIST JOSE GONZALEZ GONZALEZ, WRITES TODAY ABOUT VENEZUELA'S "GOOD FAITH WITH PANAMA". HE IS RESPONDING TO CHILEAN DAILY 'EL MERCURIO'S VEILED CRITICISM OF CAP'S ROLE IN BOGOTA MEETING OF LA LEADERS ON PANAMA CANAL AGREEMENT. GONZALEZ DEFENDS CAP'S PURE MOTIVES: PRESIDENT PEREZ HAS BEEN ON THE SIDE OF THE PANAMANIAN GOVT IN ALL THE ACTIVITY COMING OUT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, NOT OUT OF A DESIRE TO INTERVENE, BUT TO PROVIDE THE AID WHICH PRESIDENT TORRIJOS AND THE PANAMANIAN UNCLASSIFIED

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PEOPLE HAVE ASKED FOR... PRESIDENT PEREZ DIDN'T GO TO BOGOTA LOOKING FOR LEADERSHIP NOR DID HE EXERT IT... WE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN SEEING ALL OF THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD FIGHTING FOR DECOLONIZATION, AND SO DOZENS OF NEW STATES HAVE COME ABOUT WITHOUT THOUGHT OF COLOR, RELIGION OR ECONOMIC PROSPECTS. WHY SHOULD PANAMA BE DENIED THIS SAME POSSIBILITY?... THE PRESIDENT DIDN'T GOT OBOGOTA TO DIRECT ANYTHING, BUT RATHER TO SHARE IN AN ACT OF AMERICAN SOLIDARITY, WHOSE ROOTS ARE IN OUR COMMON ORIGIN AND OUR COMMON DESTINY."

5. EL UNIVERSAL CABLEPAGES BOLD-FACE AP STORY BASED ON ANDREW YOUNG STATEMENT AT PORT OF SPAIN PRESS CONFERENCE: FROM TRINIDAD US AMBASSADOR TO UN LAMENTS HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CUBA". NO OTHERS CARRY.
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